

Montgomery County
Animal Services and
Adoption Center

2016

Annual
Review



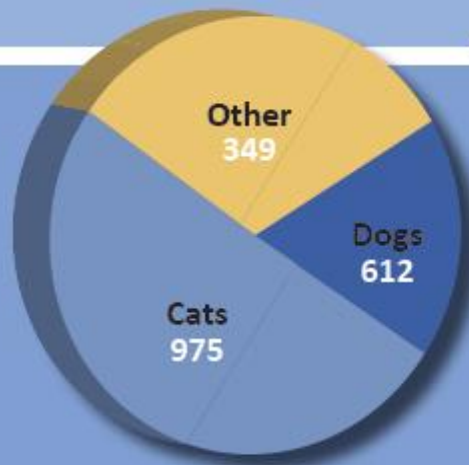
adoptions

1,936 Total
Adoptions!

93%

Save Rate!

93% of the animals we took in were adopted, returned to their owners, or sent to rescue. *Not including wildlife or owner-requested euthanasia.



111 animals were adopted with no fee through MCPAW's Purple and Amber Care Programs, which sponsor older animals and those with medical issues.*



Special Adoption Events!

MCASAC hosted several fee-waived adoption events to help more animals find their forever homes. The Holiday S.O.S. event in December saw **74 animals find adopters**, and an impressive **78 animals went home** as part of NBC's National Clear The Shelters event in July.

New Program Launch!

Barn Cat Program

In November 2016, MCASAC started its Barn Cat Program. In the first two months, **10 barn cats were adopted!** Barn cats are those who are shy with humans and would not enjoy life in a normal home.

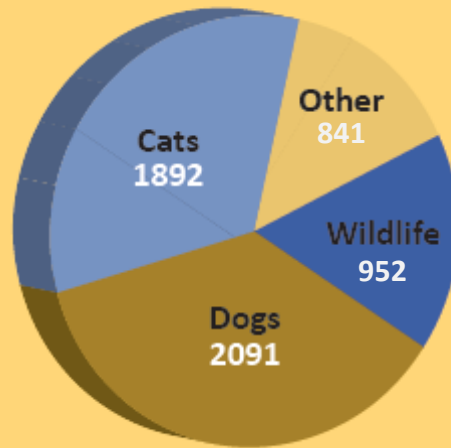
"My adoption of two cats through your BARN CAT PROGRAM has been a fabulous success story. The cats tell me that they are happy there and their presence insures that the critters will not also settle in. The County made all things easy. The three week (acclimation) period went fast . . . and no signs of unwanted critters since the cats were brought into the barn!"

~ Janet, Silver Spring



shelter statistics

Shelter Intake:
5,776 Animals



Corey's Story

In January, we found Corey as a matted stray. With some investigating by our intake staff, we found his owner who had lost him over a year ago, and now lived in Texas. Fortunately, his ecstatic owner was able to fly back to Maryland to take Corey home.



495 animals went to rescue organizations!

We worked with over **100 rescue organizations** and shelters to help dogs, cats, and small/exotic animals find forever homes. Rescue organizations are an essential part of our operations. Many rescues are able to work with shy or challenging animals, and help us keep space open when our shelter is full. These numbers do not include the hundreds of wildlife animals that went to wildlife rescue organizations.

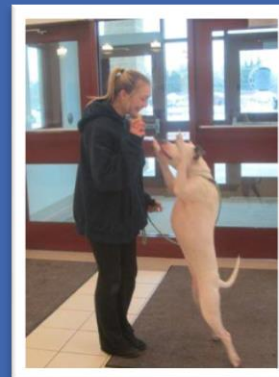
351 animals enjoyed life in a foster home!



Many of these were kittens, who needed lots of love and care before they were ready for adoption.

"These little babies, sometimes only days old, are extremely fragile, yet have such a strong will and desire to survive. The joy that I get from helping these tiny beings thrive and grow up to be wonderful companion animals is hard to put into words."

~ Barbara, Kitten Foster



54% of dogs and cats came to MCASAC as strays.

42% of strays were returned to their owners!

shelter life

1,478
Surgeries
Performed
(spay, neuter and other)



1,881 medical exams
were conducted by our vet staff.

16 special surgeries
were performed by outside vets and funded
by MCPAW. These included things like a knee
surgery for Baby! They also covered dental
surgeries for many of the "Rockville 66" dogs.



890

Cats

524

Dogs

65

Other



1,731 rabies
vaccinations
were given to
shelter animals.

MCASAC housed an average of
378 animals each day

During the "SNOWZILLA" snowstorm in January 2016,
MCASAC was **completely** snowed in. While the shelter
was closed to the public for several days, staff slept in the
building to make sure the animals were taken care of.

In 2016, MCASAC dogs consumed
over **46,000 pounds** of dog food!

We also went through **65,000
pounds** of kitty litter . . . that's the
equivalent of 5 African Elephants!



volunteering

Mentor Program

The new Volunteer Mentor Program pairs experienced volunteers with new ones - to help them "learn the ropes." The mentors do most of the training and also help build a sense of community. Dozens of volunteers can say that they have now experienced the mentor training process, learning to work with our cats, dogs and small animals.



Behavior & Training

Volunteers attended weekly behavior sessions with MCASAC behavior specialists. They learned about animal behavior as well as positive reinforcement training.



Explorer Program

In 2016, MCASAC welcomed Montgomery County youth to volunteer through the Explorer Program in collaboration with MCPAW and the Boy Scouts of America. Young men and women ages 14 - 20 received hands-on experience with veterinary medicine, proper pet care, and animal law and enforcement regulations.

Volunteers served over
**18,000 hours. A
27% increase from 2015!**

Groups of adults with mental disabilities come to **MCASAC** weekly to help make enrichment items for the animals. They stuff "Kongs" with peanut butter, make rope toys, and help keep our animals happy and healthy.

The **Lucky Break Program** allows volunteers to take dogs out the shelter to get a break from shelter life. They do on hikes, head to restaurants, and even get "puppuccinos" from Starbucks. These outings provide enrichment for the dogs, and allow them to meet potential adopters.

"Shelter life can be stressful. Yet when you exercise that anxious shelter dog and spend quality time with him, you will see a dog transformed. All these dogs need is (for) someone to give them a chance."

-- Lucky Break Volunteer



community initiatives



Over **50,000** people visited MCASAC in 2016 – an **18% increase** from 2015!

MCASAC hosted a FREE monthly behavior workshop called “**How To Live With Your Adopted Dog.**” Members of the public came to learn dog behavior and training from a professional dog trainer.

Over **500 people** attended a tour of the facility. Many of these were young Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts!



Staff, Volunteers and members of the public attended several on site trainings offered by the National Kitten Coalition and Friends of Rabbits.

Pet Food Pantry

Providing resources to pet owners is a key component to keeping pets out of the shelter. MCASAC and MCPAW collect donations of unopened pet foods that are available at the Pet Food Pantry at MCASAC. The Pet Food Pantry supplied over **22,000 pounds** of food in 2016. Members of the public are welcome to come and take what they need during open hours – no questions.



The Community Cat Coalition

In early March, The Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center (MCASAC), along with members from Alley Cat Allies, Second Chance Wildlife Rescue, The Humane Society of the United States, Metro Ferals, MCPAW (Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being), and several other local and nationally recognized groups formed to create a collaborative coalition to address community cat issues in Montgomery County.

The purpose of the Montgomery County Community Cat Coalition is to develop a comprehensive, community-based approach to manage the various issues and concerns related to community cats in Montgomery County.

“We congratulate Montgomery County Animal Services on taking TNR to the next level with its new Community Cat Coalition,” said Becky Robinson, President and Founder of Alley Cat Allies. “We’ve been working closely with MCASAC to develop life-saving protocols for community cats and are proud to help with their continued progress on implementing programs to effectively and humanely address Montgomery County’s needs.”

MCASAC does not have a Trap, Neuter and Return program but has instead worked with existing community cat groups such as Rock Creek Cats and Metro Ferals to prevent the unnecessary euthanasia of feral cats. The development of resources such as volunteers, spay and neuter assistance, and funding are top priorities of the Community Cat Coalition.

outreach

We attended community events like the Montgomery Thanksgiving Parade, Beltway Barks and Police National Night Out. We love having the opportunity to go out into the community and talk about what we're doing at MCASAC!



In June, MCASAC hosted its first ever "Kitten Shower" to raise awareness about the need for kitten foster families. This family-friendly event featured games, kitten cuddling, and face painting. It raised **several thousand dollars worth of foster donations** – things like milk formula, blankets, and heating pads – and brought us several new foster families.



Our Facebook grew from 5,000 followers to 15,000 followers - helping more animals find forever homes!

Follow us on social media!



Facebook: @mcasac



Instagram: @mcanimal_services



Twitter: @mcasac

Adoptable dog Juice became an internet sensation when a video of him crying in his kennel got

over a million views

on social media. Thousands of people worldwide were rooting for him, and his family drove 4 hours to come adopt him!



field services



Animal Services Officers
responded to **10,705**
calls from the public!

These calls ranged from loose dogs to injured wildlife to bites and attacks and to animal cruelty.



"In 2016, we really made it our mission to crack down on animal cruelty. We worked harder than ever to make sure all of the animals of Montgomery County were safe, and look forward to doing even more in 2017." ~ Officer Breckenridge, Cruelty Investigator

In 2016, Officers **seized 372 animals** because of alleged animal cruelty, 5 individuals were charged with felonies, and 13 others were charged with misdemeanors for cruelty to animals.

Large-scale seizures of animals (from 10 to 70 animals) led to additional strain on our facility and our animal care staff, but fortunately our community came together to handle the additional load of housing so many animals.



Animal Services Officers rescue hundreds of wildlife animals each year, from squirrels to birds to foxes. Many of these animals are brought to our partners at Second Chance Wildlife Center for rehabilitation and release. This year, Officer Gill even rescued a bald eagle, who she named Trust. Her injured wing made her unable to fly, but our friends at Owl Moon Raptor Center gave her great care and she made a full recovery.

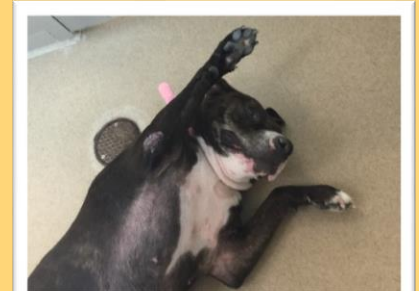
The "Rockville 66"



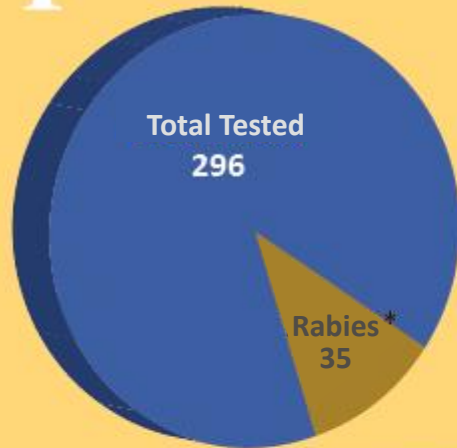
Some of the "Rockville 66" before confiscation.

On January 1, 2016, officers seized 66 dogs from a home in Rockville. Many were living in their own waste & had received little to no veterinary care. Their owner, Katherine Ting Tiong, was charged with and convicted of 66 counts of misdemeanor animal cruelty. She was sentenced to 6 months in

prison, with another 16 years suspended. Several of the "Rockville 66" had to be humanely euthanized, but the vast majority were adopted into loving homes. One of them, Elmo, was even adopted by one of our staff members!



public safety



In Montgomery County, we are dedicated to preventing the spread of rabies. In 2016, **296 animals** were sent to labs for rabies testing.

*Of those, 35 animals were either positive for rabies or had an inconclusive test result.

978 rabies vaccinations were given to animals in the community at our free rabies vaccination clinics.



6 clinics are held each year from April to September. Patrons bring their cats and dogs and receive a **free vaccination** with the purchase of a pet license. **Microchipping** services are also offered at the clinics.



WANTED: Responsible Pet Owners

Protect your pets from a life of crime.

Keep them out of the line-up with a Montgomery County Pet License which you can now purchase on line! By law, dogs and cats over 4 months of age must wear current rabies and pet license tags...even if they are always on the owner's property, stay indoors or live on a farm.

It can save your pet's life. An immediately visible license tag on your pet's collar is the fastest way to be reunited with your lost pet and is only issued with proof of regular vaccination against the deadly rabies virus.

If you love them, you'll license them.
They can't do it without you (well, maybe your cat can)

Learn more at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/asd

In 2016, **we sold 16,329 County pet licenses.** These mandatory licenses help us make sure every dog and cat in Montgomery County has a current rabies vaccination. You can purchase or renew your pet license online:
www.licensepet.com/montgomerycounty

Thank you to all of our partners and community members!

Second Chance Wildlife Center Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being (MCPAW) Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWLMC)

Thank you to everyone in our community who helped us make 2016 a success. We can not do this work without the support of our rescue partners, veterinary practice and wildlife rehabilitation centers and sanctuaries. We truly appreciate every person who volunteered, fostered, or brought us much needed donations. Thank you to every adopter, and especially to those who came in asking which animals were most in need. To our amazing staff and to our entire community – thank you for your support.

Get Involved!

Adopt

If you are interested in adopting an animal from us, come and visit during open hours and speak to one of our Adoption Counselors.

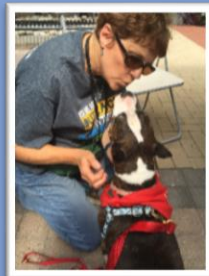


Foster

Fostering animals is lifesaving work – and it's fun! Whether you want to bottle feed orphaned kittens or help shy dogs come out of their shells, you'll be a huge part of the MSASAC team.

Volunteer

We heavily rely on volunteers, and would love to have you on our team. You can work hands on with our animals, give tours of the facility and help with events.



Donate

Donated items help us make the shelter feel more like a home for our residents. We are always in need of blankets, towels, and newspaper, as well as toys for cats, dogs, and small mammals.

Follow us on social media!

